



HEALTH AND HUMAN NEEDS

*"I don't know
what your destiny
will be, but one
thing I know: the
ones among you
who will be really
happy are those
who have sought
and found how to
serve."*

*Albert
Schweitzer*

QUICK FACTS

- GO SERV members serve in **17** health and human needs programs.
- GO SERV funding for these programs totals more than **\$9million.**

Programs

AmeriCorps members and alumni make a positive difference everyday, working to improve the quality of life for everyone with whom they come into contact. In California, AmeriCorps members reach out to people from disadvantaged backgrounds, including homeless veterans, immigrants, and other economically challenged populations providing help with access to health and social services, linking people to local resources and enrolling families with children in the Healthy Families and Medi-Cal programs. Some GO SERV programs focusing on health and human needs include:

Greenfield Public Safety

Members act as mentors to students, providing afterschool activities and summer programs, and monitoring children identified as exhibiting aggressive behavior. Activities offered to students help them develop positive social and leadership skills while avoiding gang involvement, violence and substance abuse. Members also organize students and parents in performing neighborhood improvement projects. More than 450 students at nine elementary schools have been served through this program.

CA Alliance for Prevention

Specially trained members work in more than 20 counties to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect. Members provide in-home visitation services to more than 3,700 families with children aged 0-5 who have been identified as being at risk of abuse or neglect. Members visit families with a history of domestic violence or substance abuse problems and provide direct services to children and families in schools and community centers. According to a recent study, incidents of child abuse and neglect decreased 24 percent where AmeriCorps members served.

LMC School Based Health Insurance Enrollment

Members serving in this collaborative effort between the LifeLong Medical Care, Berkeley Unified School District, and the Alameda Alliance for Health help families in need complete Healthy Families and Medi-Cal applications, follow up with newly enrolled patients, and provide health education to community members. The goal of this program is to help people who are eligible get healthcare through California's Healthy Families low cost health care insurance program.

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